

REMARKS

Claims 4, 6, 8-16 and 18-25 were previously pending in the application. Claim 6 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 4, 18, 20-23, and 25 are amended herein. Applicant submits that no new matter has been entered by way of this amendment.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 21-25 are allowed. Applicant has amended independent claim 21 to make the subject matter of the claim clear, the scope of the claim has not been changed. Accordingly, independent claim 21 and dependent claims 22-25 depends therefrom are allowable.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claim 6 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has herein amended independent claim 4 to include the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 6, the objections to claim informalities have been corrected. Claim 6 has been canceled. Accordingly, Applicant requests reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Objections

Claims 4 and 6 have been objected to for lacking antecedent basis. Claims 20 and 25 have been objected for grammatical errors.

Claim 6 has been canceled rendering the rejection moot. Applicant has amended claims 4, 20 and 25 to remedy the informalities in the claim languages identified in the Office Action (See, Office Action, page 2, paragraph 1). Therefore, Applicant requests withdrawal of these grounds of rejections.

Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 4, 8, 9, 12-15 and 18-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as allegedly being anticipated by Bloom, US Patent No. 5,982,553. Applicant has amended independent claim 4 to make the scope of the claim clear, and also to include the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 6. Claims 8, 9, and 12-15 are dependent on amended independent claim 4. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that amended independent claim 4, as well as dependent claims 8, 9, and 12-15 are patentable. Therefore, Applicant requests withdrawal of this ground of rejections.

Amended claim 18, as well as claims 19 and 20 which directly or indirectly dependent therefrom are patentably distinct from the cited reference. The image display apparatus defined by claim 18 has “a scanning mirror which has a reflection area for reflecting a part of the emerging light and scanning the display plane with the part of the emerging light, and a transmission area for transmitting another part of the emerging light.” Applicant respectfully submits that the cited reference does not teach, disclose or suggest such a scanning mirror which has a reflection area for reflecting a part of the emerging light and scanning the display plane with the part of the emerging light, and a transmission area for transmitting another part of the emerging light, as recited in the amended independent claim

18. Therefore, Applicant submits that claim 18, as well as the claims directly or indirectly dependent therefrom, are patentably distinct from the cited reference.

Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 10, 11 and 16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as allegedly being unpatentable over Bloom, US Patent No. 5,982,553.

Claims 10, 11 and 16 depends indirectly from amended independent claim 4. Claim 4 has been amended to include the limitations from the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 6. Therefore, claims 10, 11 and 16 are allowable for similar reasons stated above. Withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is now believed that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. In view of these remarks, an early and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

AUTHORIZATION

Applicant believes that no fees are necessary for the submission of this Preliminary Amendment or accompanying IDS, however, should any fees be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees which may be required for this Preliminary Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4673.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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